3: Rasmussen--44-45 (c. 1923) 1932 Copper Eskimo
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"When a sick person is about to expire they say: the spirit of life is leaving him; he no longer breathes, he can no more be saved. At these words all the relatives must weep and utter cries of woe; it is then the custom that those not of the family take the mourners round the shoulders and [45] under the arms, saying in order to calm them: alas, nothing more can be done for him.

The custom of removing out of the house the platform skins and rugs of those that are well when somebody is dying is not practised here."

3: Rasmussen--47 [3] (c. 1923) 1932 Copper Eskimo
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"When a dying person is about to expire the house or tent is always crowded with people, who want to see him as long as there is life in him. Such people are called: 'those who are afraid'.

Among the Umingmaktôrmiut they have not the custom that a mother will take a child away from house and village when it is mortally ill, so that the people of the village may escape the death taboo. Even the tiniest infant must breathe its last in its mother's lap in house or tent."